

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7587–S7631

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1876–1882, and S. Res. 324–331. **Pages S7612–13**

Measures Passed:

National Adoption Day and Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 302, expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S7605–08**

United States-Australia Alliance 60th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 324, commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the United States-Australia alliance. **Pages S7604–05**

Combined Federal Campaign 50th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 296, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Combined Federal Campaign. **Page S7627**

Recyclable Materials: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 251, expressing support for improvement in the collection, processing, and consumption of recyclable materials throughout the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S7627–28**

Honoring the Life of Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr.: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 303, honoring the life, service, and sacrifice of Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr., United States Army, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7628**

Whitehouse (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 1057, to amend the preamble by modifying a date. **Page S7628**

Feed America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 326, designating Thursday, November 17, 2011, as “Feed America Day”. **Page S7629**

American Diabetes Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 327, supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month. **Pages S7629–30**

Global Entrepreneurship Week/USA: Senate agreed to S. Res. 328, designating the week of November 14 through 20, 2011, as “Global Entrepreneurship Week/USA”. **Page S7630**

National Native American Heritage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 329, recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States. **Page S7630**

Above Ground Nuclear Weapons Testing: Senate agreed to S. Res. 330, designating January 27, 2012, as a national day of remembrance for Americans who, during the Cold War, worked and lived downwind from nuclear testing sites and were adversely affected by the radiation exposure generated by the above ground nuclear weapons testing. **Page S7630**

Measures Considered:

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2354, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7596–98**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 957, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7596**

Reid Amendment No. 958 (to Amendment No. 957), to change the enactment date. **Page S7596**

Reid Amendment No. 959 (to Amendment No. 958), of a perfecting nature. **Page S7596**

Reid Amendment No. 960 (to language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 957), to change the enactment date. **Page S7596**

Reid Amendment No. 961 (to Amendment No. 960), of a perfecting nature. **Page S7596**

Reid Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 962, to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 963 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 962), of a perfecting nature.

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Reid Amendment No. 964 (to Amendment No. 963), of a perfecting nature.

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Department of Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, November 17, 2011, Senate begin consideration of S. 1867, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:51 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7630.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine a progress report on management and structural reforms at the Securities and Exchange Commission, after receiving testimony from Robert Khuzami, Director, Division of Enforcement, Meredith Cross, Director, Division of Corporation Finance, Robert Cook, Director, Division of Trading and Markets, Carlo di Florio, Director, Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations, Eileen Rominger, Director, Division of Investment Management, and Craig Lewis, Chief Economist and Director, Division of Risk, Strategy, and

Financial Innovation, all of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

IMPROVING REGULATORY PERFORMANCE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving regulatory performance, focusing on lessons from the United Kingdom, after receiving testimony from Graham Turnock, and Johannes Wolff, both of the United Kingdom's Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, both of the United Kingdom; Michael Greenstone, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; and Jitinder Kohli, Center for American Progress Action Fund, Washington, D.C.

CONTINUED INNOVATION IN FORECASTING AND PREDICTION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the need for continued innovation in forecasting and prediction, focusing on how Federal efforts to provide information could help government decision making, after receiving testimony from Mary Glackin, Deputy Under Secretary for Operations, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, both of the Department of Commerce; David Trimble, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Rear Admiral Cari B. Thomas, Director, Response Policy, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Tom Iseman, Western Governors' Association, Denver, Colorado; Peter P. Neille, The Weather Channel Companies, Andover, Massachusetts; and Robert S. Marshall, Earth Networks, Inc., Germantown, Maryland.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine government contractors, focusing on agency programs that need greater attention, and improved governmentwide oversight, after receiving testimony from Daniel I. Gordon, Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget; William T. Woods, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; David M. Sims, Chair, Interagency Suspension and Debarment Committee; Allison C. Lerner, Inspector General, National Science Foundation; and Steven A. Shaw, Deputy General Counsel for Contractor Responsibility, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kathryn